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SUBJECT: SANDINISTA ASYLEE IN COSTA RICAN EMBASSY

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1. ATTEMPTING TO CONFIRM REFTEL REPORT THAT SANDINISTA ALVARO MIRANDA, WHO OBTAINED ASYLUM IN COSTA RICAN EMBASSY JANUARY 28 (MANAGUA 0446), HAD BEEN GRANTED SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF NICARAGUA, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH COUNSELOR AT COSTA RICAN EMBASSY AND WAS TOLD MIRANDA "IS STILL OUR GUEST." ALTHOUGH COSTA RICAN MINISTER OF PUBLIC SECURITY CHARPENTIER MAY BE UNDER IMPRESSION PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED, IT APPEARS THAT THIS LATENT IRRITANT IN NICARAGUAN/COSTA RICAN RELATIONS PERSISTS.

2. FEBRUARY 7 MANAGUA NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA PUBLISHED BRIEF REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR AFTER
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HE HAD DISCUSSED MIRANDA'S CASE WITH CHARPENTIER WHO WAS

IN NICARAGUA FOR CONDECA MEETING. UPSHOT OF INTERVIEW
WAS THAT CASE WAS STILL UNDER STUDY AND THAT CHARPENTIER
WOULD BE DISCUSSING IT WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA. THIS HAS
BEEN ONLY MENTION OF MIRANDA IN LOCAL PRESS SINCE HE TOOK
UP RESIDENCE IN COSTA RICAN EMBASSY.

3. EMBASSY SEES LITTLE ALTERNATIVE FOR THE GON THAN TO
EVENTUALLY GIVE MIRANDA SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF NICARAGUA, BUT
GIVEN ITS SENSITIVITY TO THE SANDINISTA FRONT THREAT AND
THE CURRENT STATE OF SIEGE SUCH ACTION MAY BE DELAYED SOME.
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